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SUMMARY: TUESDAY MORNING PAPERS REPORT ANNOUNCEMENT OF CYPRUS MEETING, CITE U.S. ATTEMPTS TO ASSUAGE ISRAELI FEARS OF SUPERPOWER DEAL. GWERTZMAN AND SAIKOWSKI (AND KALB) MENTION SITUATION OF NEWSMEN ON PLANE, INTIMATING CREDIBILITY A PROBLEM. AFTERNOON WIRES CARRY TEXT OF CYPRUS COMMUNIQUE, SAY DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WILL COME TO A HEAD OVER NEXT 48 HOURS.

1. GWERTZMAN REPORTS CYPRUS ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 1 ABOVE FOLD NYT ARTICLE "KISSINGER AND GROMYKO CONFER TODAY IN CYPRUS." SAYS MOOD AMONG U.S. OFFICIALS INDICATES PROGRESS MADE IN LATEST SESSION WITH MEIR, BUT OFFICIALS STRESS AGREEMENT UNCERTAIN THIS TRIP, NECESSITATING POSSIBLE RETURN IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. CITES ISRAELI APPREHENSION ABOUT CYPRUS MEETING, BUT QUOTES HAK STATEMENT "THERE WILL BE NO DEAL TOMORROW." AMERICAN OFFICIALS MAINTAIN PRIVATE-UNCLASSIFIED

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LY THAT SOVIETS ASKED FOR MEETING TO GIVE IMPRESSION AMONG

OTHER COUNTRIES OF ACTIVE SOVIET ROLE IN DISENGAGEMENT. ISRAELIS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE GROMYKO IN SYRIA TO URGE ASSAD TO HOLD OUT FOR ISRAELI COMMITMENT TO TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY, WHILE KISSINGER PARTY FEELS SOVIETS UNLIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE MOSCOW MEETING BY SABOTAGING NEGOTIATING EFFORTS. GWERTZMAN INTIMATES CREDIBILITY A PROBLEM THIS TRIP: "NEWSMEN TRAVELING WITH MR. KISSINGER FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO JUDGE THE PREDICTIONS MADE BY AMERICAN OFFICIALS. LACKING DETAILS ON THE ACTUAL STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS, THEY HAVE NO INDEPENDENT MEANS OF DETERMINING WHETHER MR. KISSINGER IS CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT."

2. BERGER CHARACTERIZES CYPRUS MEETING AS CONTINUING REVIEW OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN PAGE 13 POST ARTICLE "KISSINGER SETS CYPRUS TALKS WITH GROMYKO" (PIX OF KISSINGER AND HUSSEIN AT HERASH). EMPHASIZES ISRAELI DISPLEASURE AT SOVIET INVOLVEMENT, BUT REPEATS U.S. DISCLAIMER REGARDING SECRET DEAL. APART FROM MIDDLE EAST, SALT AND EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE ALSO TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION ACCORDING TO U.S. OFFICIALS. POSSIBILITY OF GROMYKO RESPONSE IN CYPRUS ON SALT AND OF AGREEMENT ON LIMITING MIRV'S, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY IN TIME FOR MOSCOW SUMMIT. ISRAELI SOURCES SAY CABINET DECISION HAK TAKES TO CYPRUS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ONE MADE LAST WEEK: ISRAEL PREPARED TO MAKE CERTAIN TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS, INCLUDING KUNEITRA, ONLY IF IT RECEIVES CLARIFICATION ON OTHER ISSUES FROM SYRIA. HAK REPORTEDLY TOLD ISRAELIS THEY CAN FORGET DISENGAGEMENT IF NOT PREPARED TO RELINQUISH KUNEITRA, SINCE SYRIA HAS MADE IT A SINA QUANON. BERGER JUXTAPOSES REPORTS OF CONTINUED FIGHTING ON GOLAN HEIGHTS TO EARLIER PREDICTIONS BY HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL THAT LEVEL OF FIGHTING WOULD BE REDUCED.

3. JHABVALA REPEATS SALIENT FACTS GIVEN ABOVE IN PAGE 1 STORY "KISSINGER, GROMYKO TO MEET TODAY IN CYPRUS" (PIX OF HAK AND HUSSEIN AT JERASH). SAYS U.S. EXPECTS GROMYKO RESPONSE TO U.S. IDEAS ON OBJECTIVES OF SALT II. REPORTS ISRAELI CONCERN ABOUT MEETING, AMERICAN ASSURANCES NO DEAL IN OFFING. SAY AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES REPORT NO GIVE IN ISRAELI POSITION ON LINE OF DEMARCATION, ISRAELI PRESS UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS, AMERICAN SOURCES CAUTIONING AGAINST EXPECTATIONS OF COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THIS TRIP.

4. SAIKOWSKI HAS TWO PAGE 1 ARTICLES IN CSM, ONE REPORTING CYPRUS ANNOUNCEMENT "SOVIETS TRY FOR MIDEAST VISIBILITY," THE OTHER A BACKGROUND PIECE ON TRAVELING WITH HAK "THE KISSINGER WATCHERS." FIRST PIECE SAYS HAK WILL NOT

KNOW OUTCOME OF THIS NEGOTIATION EFFORT UNTIL HE ARRIVES IN DAMASCUS WITH LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSALS. REPEATS ISRAELI ANXIETY AND U.S. ASSURANCES, SAYS U.S. SEEKS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SOVIETS ALTHOUGH SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS PREFER TO LET HAK DO THE MEDIATING. SECOND PIECE RELATES GLAMOUR AND PROBLEMS OF COVERING KISSINGER TRIP. SUMS UP PLIGHT OF NEWSMEN ON PLANE AS FOLLOWS: "THE NEWSMEN WHO TRAVEL WITH THE SECRETARY WORK IN A CURIOUSLY ISOLATED WORLD OF THEIR OWN AND FIND THEMSELVES EQUALLY EAGER FOR NEWS. THEY KNOW THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AS THE SECRETARY HOPS BACK AND FORTH FROM ONE CAPITAL TO ANOTHER, BUT THEY CAN BE TOTALLY AT SEA ABOUT RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, AND THE PAUCITY OF THE INFORMATION LEAVES GAPS IN THEIR JUDGMENT AND BALANCE." EXPLAINS INTRICACIES OF "BACKGROUND" RULES; HAK NOT ONLY SOURCE SINCE NEWSMEN ALSO TALK TO SISCO, MCCLOSKEY, ATHERTON AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS ON PLANE. SAYS IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETECT HAK'S FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS "OR THE ADDED PRESSURES THAT MAY NOW NAG AT HIM AS A RESULT OF WATERGATE AND THE RECENT NEWS THAT HE WILL BE SUMMONED TO TESTIFY AT THE TRIAL OF JOHN EHRLICHMAN IN THE ELLSBURG BREAKIN CASE. THIS COULD PROVE A MOST UNPLEASANT DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SECRETARY." FINALLY, CONTRASTS WARMTH WITH WHICH HAK GREETED IN ARAB CAPITALS WITH MOOD OF SUSPICION THAT PREVAILS AMONG MANY ISRAELIS.

5. SUBSTANTIVE REPORT FROM AP APPEARS PAGE 7 OF STAR UNDER HEAD "KISSINGER TALKS WITH GROMYKO." O'LEARY PIECE PAGE 3 GIVES ACCOUNT OF WHAT SECRET SERVICE DOES TO PROTECT HAK UNDER HEAD "GUARDING KISSINGER, A TOUGH JOB FOR TOUGH MEN." DESCRIBES SIX AGENTS, WHAT THEY WEAR, THE WEAPONS THEY CARRY, HOW THEY ORGANIZE TO GUARD HAK. REPORTS SEVERAL INCIDENTS WHEN SECURITY ESPECIALLY TIGHT:  
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THREAT ON HAK'S LIFE LEADING TO CANCELLATION OF OMAYYAD MOSQUE VISIT IN DAMASCUS, DECISION TO LAND AT AIR BASE NEAR BAALBEK ON RECENT VISIT TO LEBANON, PRESENCE OF HEAVILY ARMED AGENTS ON DRIVE INTO ALGIERS, USE OF TWO ARMORED LIMOUSINES FLOWN FROM WASHINGTON TO JERUSALEM AND DAMASCUS FOR CURRENT TRIP. NAMES AND CODEWORDS ALTERED IN ARTICLE FOR SECURITY REASONS, O'LEARY WRITES.

6. AP MORNING REPORT HAS HAK FLYING TO CYPRUS TO ENLIST GROMYKO'S AID IN RESTRAINING SYRIAN FORCES ON GOLAN HEIGHT AFTERNOON LEAD QUOTES HAK ON CYPRUS MEETING: "WE HAD A GOOD TALK, A USEFUL TALK AND WE HOPE TO MA  
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